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State Bank and Trust Company, Macon, Georgia, Assumes All of the Deposits of NorthWest Bank and Trust, Acworth, Georgia

NorthWest Bank and Trust, Acworth, Georgia, was closed today by the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance, which appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as receiver. To protect the depositors, the FDIC entered into a purchase and assumption agreement with State Bank and Trust Company, Macon, Georgia, to assume all of the deposits of NorthWest Bank and Trust.

The two branches of NorthWest Bank and Trust will reopen beginning Saturday during normal business hours as branches of State Bank and Trust Company. Depositors of NorthWest Bank and Trust will automatically become depositors of State Bank and Trust Company. Deposits will continue to be insured by the FDIC, so there is no need for customers to change their banking relationship in order to retain their deposit insurance coverage. Customers of NorthWest Bank and Trust should continue to use their existing branch until they receive notice from State Bank and Trust Company that it has completed systems changes to allow other State Bank and Trust Company branches to process their accounts as well.

This evening and over the weekend, depositors of NorthWest Bank and Trust can access their money by writing checks or using ATM or debit cards. Checks drawn on the bank will continue to be processed. Loan customers should continue to make their payments as usual.

As of March 31, 2010, NorthWest Bank and Trust had approximately \$167.7 million in total assets and \$159.4 million in total deposits. State Bank and Trust Company did not pay the FDIC a premium for the deposits of NorthWest Bank and Trust. In addition to



Congress created the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 1933 to restore public confidence in the nation's banking system. It promotes the safety and soundness of these institutions by identifying, monitoring and addressing risks to which they are exposed. The FDIC receives no federal tax dollars — insured financial institutions fund its operations.

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assuming all of the deposits of the failed bank, State Bank and Trust Company agreed to purchase essentially all of the failed bank's assets.

The FDIC and State Bank and Trust Company entered into a loss-share transaction on \$107.6 million of NorthWest Bank and Trust's assets. State Bank and Trust Company will share in the losses on the asset pools covered under the loss-share agreement. The loss-share transaction is projected to maximize returns on the assets covered by keeping them in the private sector. The transaction also is expected to minimize disruptions for loan customers. For more information on loss share, please visit: <http://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/lossshare/index.html>.

Customers who have questions about today's transaction can call the FDIC toll-free at 1-800-591-2916. The phone number will be operational this evening until 9:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT); on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., EDT; on Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m., EDT; and thereafter from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., EDT. Interested parties also can visit the FDIC's Web site at <http://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/NorthWestga.html>.

The FDIC estimates that the cost to the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) will be \$39.8 million. Compared to other alternatives, State Bank and Trust Company's acquisition was the least costly resolution for the FDIC's DIF. NorthWest Bank and Trust is the 104th FDIC-insured institution to fail in the nation this year, and the 11th in Georgia. The last FDIC-insured institution closed in the state was Crescent Bank and Trust Company, Jasper, on July 23, 2010.
